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Amendment to Abstract

Please replace the abstract currently on file with the following rewritten abstract:

-- A combination of at least two "drop-bin" units, each unit having at least several bins arranged to pivot outwardly about a generally horizontal axis, from a closed position where outer faces of the bins are generally aligned vertically with each other, to an open position where the outer surfaces angle outwardly from their closed positions. The bins are stacked one above another within a housing, and are connected together, for example via at least one gang bar, such that pivoting one bin outwardly causes all of the bins to pivot outwardly in unison. The housing has ~~connecting means~~ connectors configured to engage ~~connecting means~~ connectors of a housing of another container unit. The ~~connecting means~~ connectors preferably comprise male and female connectors arranged on opposite sides of the housing. The housing advantageously has a readily-disengageable flexible clip to engage a bin to hold the bins in the closed position. The housing further preferably has a tab extending upwardly from an upper surface thereof, the tab having an opening for hanging the container unit. The tab is either foldable against the upper surface or removable from the housing, so as not to interfere with the connection of the container unit with another container unit.--